

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroaki ITO *et al.*
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT
Appl. No.: 10/677,227
Appl. Filing Date: 10/3/2003
Examiner: Prema Maria MERTZ
Art Unit: 1646
Confirmation No.: 8597

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ____.

- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on __.
- ☐ Other __.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of __ listed reference(s).
- ☒ Other: Sequence Listing and Statement in Support thereof.

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$810.00	= \$810.00
Total Claims:	46	- 51	= 0	x \$52.00	= \$0.00
Independents	10	- 10	= 0	x \$220.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$390.00	= \$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$810.00

☒ Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$1,110.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$1,110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1,920.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$1,920.00


The above-identified fees of \$1,920.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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